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On 11 November 1951, the North China Military Area issued "Instructions for Winter Training of Militiamen in 1951" to its five subordinate military districts of Hopei, Shansi, Chahar, Suiyuan, and Pingyuan. These instructions are summarized as follows:

- a. We must make a great effort to organize and train militiamen, with Anti-American Aid-Korea patriotism as the main educational objective and military education as the secondary objective. This is part of the universal effort to establish a nation-wide militia system and to strengthen national security.
- b. One aim of this training is to have the trainees compare "new life" with old, thus demonstrating the identity of individual interests with national interests; they must be made to realize that active participation in militia service and support of the Chinese People's Volunteer Army are essential in order to maintain the happy life of today.
- c. Military cadre personnel must acquire proficiency in the use of rifles, machine guns and grenade-throwing. They must also know police work and reconnaissance techniques. The ordinary militiamen must be trained as a part of a militia unit and must learn how to throw grenades.
- d. Needs of the present situation require that winter training for militiamen be regular and systematic. Habits of guerrilla warfare must be uprooted from the thoughts of the militiamen.
- e. In recruiting militiamen, steps must be taken to reorganize the militia units, to eliminate unsatisfactory persons and to guarantee that no undesirables infiltrate into the militia.
- f. The number of weapons distributed among the people must be investigated and all arms not required by the militiamen must be recovered. All weapons used by the militia must be kept by Chinese Communist Party or Youth Corps members, or by reliable persons among the industrial and agricultural populace.

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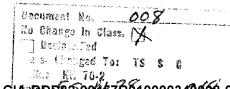
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- g. The "Security Responsibility System" must be enforced during the period of concentrated training. Patrol and inspection duties must be intensified. No militiaman should be afraid of cold or of other difficulties.
- h. In addition to winter training, militiamen are obliged to make the best use of their time by storing fertilizer, preparing fuel, and attending to transportation and other duties in order to prepare the wherewithall for the 1952 large-scale production movement. In areas of flood or drought militiamen must be mobilized to participate in self-preservation activities.

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